

the Secretary to pay 100 percent of the operation and maintenance costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors.

(c) The Secretary shall submit to Congress a report detailing a modified plan to protect lower Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, from damage attributable to hurricanes with a focus on—

- (1) protecting populated areas;
- (2) energy infrastructure;
- (3) structural and nonstructural coastal barriers and protection;
- (4) port facilities; and
- (5) the long-term maintenance and protection of the deep draft navigation channel on the Mississippi River.

(d) Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall offer to enter into a contract with the National Academies to provide to the Secretary a report, by not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, describing, for the period beginning on the date on which the individual system components for hurricane and storm damage reduction was constructed and ending on the date on which the report is prepared, the difference between—

(1) the portion of the vertical depreciation of the system that is attributable to design and construction flaws, taking into consideration the settling of levees and floodwalls or subsidence; and

(2) the portion of that depreciation that is attributable to the application of new storm datum that may require a higher level of vertical protection in order to comply with 100-year floodplain certification and standard protect hurricane.

(e) The amounts provided under this heading are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

**SA 3729.** Mr. CHAFFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 253, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

FOX POINT HURRICANE BARRIER, PROVIDENCE,  
RHODE ISLAND

SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_\_. (a) In this section:

(1) The term "Barrier" means the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, Providence, Rhode Island.

(2) The term "City" means the city of Providence, Rhode Island.

(3) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers.

(b) Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall assume responsibility for the annual operation and maintenance of the Barrier.

(c)(1) The City, in coordination with the Secretary, shall identify any land and structures required for the continued operation and maintenance, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, and structural integrity of the Barrier.

(2) The City shall convey to the Secretary, by quitclaim deed and without consideration, all rights, title, and interests of the City in and to the land and structures identified under paragraph (1).

(d) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such funds as are necessary

for each fiscal year to operate and maintain the Barrier (including repair, replacement, and rehabilitation).

**SA 3730.** Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 235, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

**SEC. 30 \_\_\_\_\_. REPORT ON FIRE SEASON.**

Not later than June 1, 2006, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress a report that—

- (1) assesses the projected severity of the pending fire season;
- (2) taking into consideration drought, hazardous fuel buildup, and insect infestation, identifies the areas in which the threat of the pending fire season is the most serious;
- (3) describes any actions recommended by the Secretary of the Interior to mitigate the threat of the pending fire season; and
- (4) specifies the amount of funds that would be necessary to carry out the actions recommended by the Secretary under paragraph (3).

**SA 3731.** Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

**SENSE OF SENATE ON IRAQ**

SEC. 1312. (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) No community in Iraq was spared from Saddam's campaign of repression and division.

(2) Liberation has brought its own challenges. Saddam's removal from power was the essential first step in restoring stability, freedom, and sovereignty for the Iraqi people.

(3) Iraq is a nation with many ethnic, religious, sectarian, regional, and tribal divisions, and before Saddam Hussein, Iraqis from three different backgrounds were able to live and work together.

(4) The terrorists and insurgents are unable to stop Iraq's march toward freedom, democracy, and economic security.

(5) The Iraqi Council of Representatives' approval on April 22, 2006, of the Presidency Council consisting of Jalal Talabani as President and two Deputy Presidents, and the election of a Speaker and two Deputy Speakers is a significant step forward, as is the decision by the Iraqi political leadership to select Jawad al-Maliki as the Prime Minister designate.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate—

(1) that Iraq has crossed another major milestone in its march toward freedom, democracy, and stability with the establishment of its first permanent democratically elected government that will chart the course for Iraq's future in a way denied to previous generations of Iraqis;

(2) to commend Iraq's new national leaders on their selection, and the Iraqi people, for another important milestone in their democratic evolution;

(3) to strongly encourage Iraq's leaders to seize this pivotal moment to—

(A) complete the formation of a government of national unity and expand support

for the Iraq Constitution through amendments to the Iraq Constitution, implementing legislation that enjoys widespread support among all major parliamentary blocs, or both;

(B) pursue policies and actions that will defeat terrorists and insurgents, and promote stability;

(C) strengthen the economy, rebuild infrastructure, and provide jobs;

(D) select cabinet officials who reflect the diversity of the Iraqi people and who can deliver services to the Iraqi people and manage their ministries effectively and efficiently;

(E) form a national security council to improve government coordination on these and other difficult issues;

(F) ensure there is no place in a free and democratic Iraq for armed groups operating outside of the law;

(G) find and remove any local or national police leaders showing evidence of militia loyalties; and

(H) address critical issues such as the process known as de-Ba'athification, the operation of security ministries, and the distribution of oil revenues in a spirit of national unity;

(4) to acknowledge that progress is being made in Iraq and look to the Iraqi government to come to political solutions in a timely, evenhanded and inexorable manner;

(5) to recognize the magnificent performance of the United States Armed Forces and the coalition partners, and United States Government officials from many departments and agencies, as well as the sacrifices of their families at home; and

(6) to always honor the conduct and valor of those who have given life or limb in this noble mission and the families and loved ones who support them.

**SA 3732.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 186, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 2704. Of the funds made available under the heading "Disaster Relief" under the heading "Federal Emergency Management Agency" in chapter 5 of this title, \$38,000,000 is hereby transferred to the Social Security Administration for necessary expenses and direct or indirect losses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season: *Provided*, That the amount transferred by this section is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

**SA 3733.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Before the period at the end of title VI (relating to pandemic flu), insert the following: "∴ *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of such amount shall be for the development of a neuraminidase inhibitor as an antiviral therapy for seasonal and pandemic influenza, including all strains of avian influenza, that can be administered to patients parenterally: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of such amount shall be for the purchase of an automated high throughput molecular differential diagnosis system to assist in carrying